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Monitoring data shows no radiation threat in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE – The Department of Environmental Quality has bi-weekly monitoring data from the RadNet network that shows radiation levels at naturally occurring, or background levels. The levels are well below health risk levels and have typically remained unchanged since the Japanese nuclear incident began.

RadNet is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's nationwide radiation monitoring system. There are more than 100 fixed monitoring sites across the United States. Two of them are in Louisiana – one in Shreveport and one in Baton Rouge.

“The RadNet air monitors across the U.S. show typical fluctuations in background radiation levels. The levels detected are far below levels of concern. As the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has said, we do not expect to see radiation at harmful levels reaching the U.S. from damaged Japanese nuclear power plants,” according to the EPA website providing information on the Japanese disaster.

The website has an abundance of information, such as frequently asked questions:
<http://www.epa.gov/japan2011/japan-faqs.html#public>

RadNet data for the Louisiana sites:
<http://www.epa.gov/japan2011/rert/radnet-batonrouge-bg.html>

Radnet data for all sites:
<http://www.epa.gov/japan2011/rert/radnet-data2.html#states>